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1. I SAW EVENSEN ON OCTOBER 11 ABOUT NORWAY'S PROGRAM TO

ESTABLISH TRAWL FREE ZONES

OFF IT NORTH COAST THIS YEAR AND

TO EXTEND ITS FISHING LIMIT TO 50 MILES IN 1975. EVENSEN

IS OFF ON A ROUND OF TALKS NEXT WEEK WHICH WILL BRING HIM TO

THE CAPITALS OF MOST OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

AFFECTED AND HOPES TO GO TO MOSCOW THE FOLLOWING WEEK. HE

WILL THEN BE IN NEW YORK FOR TWO WEEKS FOR A MEETING

OF "EVENSEN GROUP" TO DISCUSS LOS MATTERS.

2. EVENSEN CHARACTERIZED HIS VISITS TO WESTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS AND MOSCOW AS A "ROUND OF CLARIFICATION TALKS."

HE WILL NOT NEGOTIATE AND WILL FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE

CONTIGUOUS TRAWL FREE ZONES NORWAY PLANS TO INTRODUCE.

HE WILL BE WILLING, IF NECESSARY, TO DISCUSS

NORWAY'S PLANS FOR ADDITIONAL TRAWL FREE ZONES FOR CON-

SERVATION PURPOSES IN BREEDING AREAS AND FOR A 50-MILE

LIMIT, BUT THE REAL PURPOSE OF HIS VISITS WILL BE TO

EXPLAIN NORWAY'S PLANS FOR CONTIGUOUS TRAWL FREE ZONES

AND TO ENLIST SYMPATHETIC SUPPORT. HE WILL INDICATE

THAT HE WILL BE WILLING TO RETURN FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS

IN MID-NOVEMBER AFTER HE IS FINISHED IN NEW YORK. HE IS

OPTIMISTIC THAT HE CAN GAIN ACCEPTANCE OF THESE CONTIGUOUS

TRAWL FREE ZONES BY AFFECTED NATIONS BY THE END OF THIS

YEAR, BUT RECOGNIZES THIS IS A TIGHT SCHEDULE. HE ADMITTED

THAT MAIN SEASON FOR FISHING WITH STATIONERY GEAR IN THESE

ZONES IS NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, BUT INDICATED HE HAD NO PLANS

TO PROMULGATE THE ZONES BEFORE END OF YEAR. HE WILL IN-

FORM NEAFC OF CONTIGUOUS FISHING ZONES BUT WILL NOT

NEGOTIATE THEM THERE. NEAFC IS TOO CUMBERSOME AND THE

CONTIGUOUS TRAWL FREE ZONES ARE INTENDED AS MUCH OR MORE TO

PREVENT INCIDENTS BETWEEN TRAWLERS AND STATIONERY GEAR

THAN FOR CONSERVATION.

3. EVENSEN SAID NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED ON THREE

TRAWL FREE ZONES CONTIGUOUS TO THE NORWEGIAN 12 MILE

EXCLUSIVE FISHING LIMIT. THE ZONES COVER (A) THE

JENEGGA-MALANGSGRUNNEN BANK IN THE LOFOTEN AREA (THE

ZONE IS ABOUT 15 MILES WIDE BY 100 MILES LONG); (B)

THE HJEMSOY AND NYSLEPPEN BANKS OFF NORTH NORWAY BE-

TWEEN APPROXIMATELY THE 24TH AND 28TH MERIDIAN (THE

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ZONE IS ABOUT 40 MILES WIDE AND 80 MILES LONG) AND (C)

THE NORDBANKEN JUST TO THE WEST OF THE SOVIET BORDER

(THE ZONE IS ABOUT 40 MILES SQUARE). TRAWLERS WOULD BE

KEPT OUT OF ZONE (A) FROM OCTOBER 1 TO APRIL 30 AND

FROM ZONES (B) AND (C) FROM OCTOBER 1 TO MARCH 31.

4. EVENSEN ASKED THAT THE EXTENT AND LOCATION OF THESE

CONTIGUOUS TRAWL FREE ZONES BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

AS HE WISHED TO MAINTAIN MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY. HE DID NOT WISH TO JEOPARDIZE HIS TALKS WITH AFFECTED COUNTRIES AND WISHED TO BE ABLE TO MODIFY THE ZONES IF THIS TALKS WITH THEM DEMONSTRATED THE DESIRABILITY OF DOING SO. EVENSEN WILL TRY TO FILL EMBASSY IN ON HIS TALKS WITH AFFECTED COUNTRIES BEFORE GOING TO NEW YORK.

5. NO FINAL DECISIONS HAVE YET BEEN MADE REGARDING THE ADDITIONAL CONSERVATION TRAWL FREE ZONES BEING PLANNED, ALTHOUGH EVENSEN MENTIONED THAT AREAS IN THE VACINITY OF SVALBARD WERE BEING CONSIDERED. IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT ANYTHING WILL BE DONE WITH THIS PHASE OF THE NORWEGIAN PROGRAM AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.
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